

# Weapons Clearing Procedures Cards

Marines, cut these out and keep them with you. Use them to remind yourself of the right thing to do.

## WEAPONS CLEARING PROCEDURES

### M16-series and M4 Rifles

#### M9 PISTOL

Point weapon into clearing barrel for all steps.

1. Place the weapon on "safe".
2. Remove the magazine from the rifle.
3. Lock the bolt/slide to the rear.
4. Visually inspect the chamber/remove any ammunition.
5. Let the bolt/slide go forward.
6. Place the weapon on "fire".
7. Pull the trigger.

For M16-series Rifles:

8. Charge the weapon.
9. Place the weapon on "safe".

For M9 Pistols:

8. Place the weapon "safe".
9. Return weapon to holster.



### M249 Squad Automatic Weapon

Point weapon into clearing barrel for all steps.

1. Place the weapon on "fire".
2. Lock the bolt to the rear.
3. Return and lock the cooling handle to the forward position.
4. Place the weapon on "safe".
5. Raise the cover and feed mechanism assembly and conduct 5-point ammo check:
  - a. Check feed/pawl assembly under the feed cover.
  - b. Check the feed tray assembly.
  - c. Lift feed tray assembly and check the chamber.
  - d. Check the space between the bolt assembly and the chamber.
  - e. Insert 2 fingers of left hand into magazine well to extract ammo.
6. Close the cover and feed mechanism.
7. Place the weapon on "fire".
8. Return the cooling handle to the rear position.
9. Pull the trigger, ease the bolt forward.



### M240G Machine Gun

Calculate the clearing barrel for all steps.

1. Place the weapon on "fire".
2. Lock the bolt to the rear.
3. Return the cooling lever to the forward position.
4. Place the weapon on "safe".
5. Raise the cover assembly and conduct 4-point check for ammo:
  - a. Check the feed/pawl assembly under the cover.
  - b. Check the feed tray.
  - c. Lift the feed tray and inspect the chamber.
  - d. Check between the face of the bolt and the chamber (including under the bolt and operating rod assembly).
6. Close the feed tray and cover assembly.
7. Place the weapon on "fire".
8. Pull the cooling handle to the rear and hold it.
9. Pull the trigger, ease the bolt forward.



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### M203 Grenade Launcher

1. Point Weapon in a safe direction.
2. Put Weapon on safe.
3. Push in the release button, and pull the barrel forward.
4. Watch to see if a round extracts. Catch round, don't let it drop.
5. Secure the round.
6. Inspect the breach to ensure a round is not present.
7. Pull the barrel to the rear until it clicks. This cocks the Weapon.
8. Put the Weapon on safe.



### M2 50 CAL Machine Gun

1. Place safety on "S" (safe) (M40 turret type and fixed type).
2. Unlock the bolt latch release.
3. Raise the cover.
4. Lift the cartridge extractor and remove the ammunition belt from the feed way.
5. Place cartridge extractor down and close the cover.
6. Pull and lock the bolt to the rear, leaving the retracting slide handle to the rear. Open the cover.
7. NOTE: Step 7 is for the M18 turret type and fixed type. Move M10 lock selector to the rear. Charge the weapon.
8. Visually inspect the chamber and T-slot for rounds (in Darkness the gunner must feel the chamber and T-slot to ensure they are clear).
9. Press the bolt latch release and ease the bolt forward with retracting slide handle.
10. Move the M10 lock selector forward and pull back on the charging handle until a click is heard, then ease the bolt forward.
11. Close the cover.
12. Place the safety on "F" fire.
13. Press the trigger.



### MK 19 Automatic Grenade Launcher

1. Place the weapon on SAFE.
2. Open the cover assembly.
3. Lower one charger handle.
4. Pull the charger handle slightly to the rear, allowing sufficient space between the face of the bolt and the chamber to see both. Check for live ammunition.
5. Ride the bolt forward.
6. Return the charger handle to its original upright position.

